

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**City of Reno**

**Sky Tavern Water/Fire System**

**PDMC-PJ-09-NV-2008-001**

The City of Reno (City), Nevada, has applied, through the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Federal financial assistance to implement the Sky Tavern Water/Fire System Project (Proposed Project) in Washoe County, Nevada. The assistance would be provided to the City—as the Subgrantee—through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDMC-PJ-09-NV-2008-001).

The City's proposal consists of an upgrade of the fire-suppression system at Sky Tavern Lodge (lodge) by replacing an undersized water tank with a larger tank, renovating the associated water pipeline system, and installing three fire hydrants in the lodge parking lots. The existing tank, concrete foundation, and adjacent concrete retaining wall would be removed. A temporary, mobile tank would provide water during construction. A new steel tank would be installed at the site of the existing tank, and a new concrete retaining wall would be constructed on the uphill side of the new tank if necessary. The water pipeline system would carry water from the new tank to the lodge and parking lots. A lateral pipeline would divert water to the existing chlorinator station, connecting the new pipeline system to the existing water supply system. The existing waterline between the chlorinator and the lodge may be upgraded. The pipeline would connect to three proposed fire hydrants. A circulation mechanism would be installed in the improved water pipeline system to maintain water quality and prevent freezing. Trees would be planted upslope of the new tank.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, FEMA has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project to address its impacts on the environment. The Final EA was prepared after a Draft EA was submitted for public review and comment. FEMA received no comments on the Draft EA. The Final EA is available on-line at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/chp/envdocuments/ea-region9.shtml>.

Based upon the conditions and the information contained in the Final EA, and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 C.F.R. § 10 (2008) (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared, based on the fact that there would be no long-term adverse impacts on the quality of the human environment resulting from the proposed project. This Finding of No Significant Impact serves as the Final Public Notice for compliance with Executive Order 11990. Information required by 44 CFR Part 9.12(e) is provided in the Final EA. For more information, contact the undersigned at (510) 627-7027. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after the publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.

  
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